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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Over the course of the next 30 days, you will receive comments from both sides of the Microsoft settlement issue. Many will ask that you continue efforts to dismantle or seriously disrupt Microsoft Corporation's advantage in the marketplace. I think that would be a mistake.

I have read an analysis of the settlement and find that it seems to answer most if not all of the questions raised by the lawsuit. Though the settlement does not completely satisfy Microsoft's competitors, it does appear to be crafted in a way that will let the market continue to produce innovative products with minimal government regulation. And, perhaps most important of all, the consumer will benefit the most.

As a concerned citizen and consumer of high tech products, I ask that you accept the terms of this settlement and put an end to the lengthy and wasteful pursuit of Microsoft Corporation.

Sincerely,

Tom Parris

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